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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SO, IE, ET, MOPS

SUBJ: KENYA-SOMALI BORDER CLASH

REF: STATE 152141

1. KULMIE AND ACTING DG FONMIN SCERIF UNAVAILABLE. CONSEQUENTLY
CONVEYED SUBSTANCE PARA ONE REFTEL TO HEAD AMERICAN DEPT. FONMIN
HASSAN KAID WHO WILL PERSONALLY INFORM KULMIE ASAP.

2. KAID AWARE OF REPORTED CLASHES AND REFERRED ME TO SOMALI
SPOKESMAN STATEMENT ON RADIO MOGADISCIO'S 0800 JUNE 30 NEWSCAST,
TRANSLATION OF WHICH I ONLY SAW ON RETURN FROM FONOFF:

QUOTE: A SOMALI GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN DENIED CATEGORICALLY

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REPORTS RELEASED BY WESTERN NEWS AGENCIES REUTER AND DPA WHICH
SAID THAT 3000 EQUIPPED COMMANDOES OF THE SOMALI ARMY INVADED
PARTS OF THE SOMALI-KENYAN BORDER. THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT ZMALIA DID

NOT AND DOES NOT INTEND IN THE FUTURE TO ATTACK KENYA. THE
GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE SITE OF THE INCIDENT, HAMO,
IS AT THE ETHIOPIAN-KENYAN BORDER AND FAR FROM THE SOMALI-KENYAN

BORDER. THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT THE INCIDENT TOOK PLACE LAST MONDAY BUT WAS REPORTED TO THE OUTSIDE WORLD YESTERDAY AND THIS INDICATES THAT CERTAIN CIRCLES ARE WILLING TO HINDER THE SOMALI-KENYAN RELATIONS WHICH WAS IMPROVING RECENTLY. PN A REPLY TO A QUESTION, THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT FIGHTING TOOK PLACE BETWEEN THE LIBERATION MOVEMENT COMBATTING THE ETHIOPIAN ARMED FORCES AND THE KENYAN ARMED FORCES. THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT THE LIBERATION MOVEMENT DOES NOT HAVE BAD INTENTIONS AGAINST KENYA WHATSOEVER BUT WERE FORCED TO FIGHT WITH THE KENYAN TROOPS.

UNQUOTE.

3. KAIID SAID THE ETHIOPIANS ARE COMPLETELY TO BLAME FOR THE INVOLVEMENT OF THE KENYANS. AS AN OLD SANDHURST MAN HOWEVER HE RECOGNIZED THE NEED FOR RESTRAINT AT A TIME WHEN OUR RELATIONS WERE SHOWING QUOTE SOME UNQUOTE SIGNS OF IMPROVEMENT.

4. COMMENT: TRY AS ALL EMBOFFS CONTINUOUSLY DO KAIID REFUSES TO TALK IN DEPTH ON MATTERS AFFECTING US/SOMALI RELATIONS, EVEN THOUGH HIS SYMPATHIES ARE WELL KNOWN BE VIOLENTLY AGAINST SOMALI'S USSR CONNECTION.

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